

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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Three Men Held

FBI Arrests Two Men In Bank Job

Ray Abbaticchio, Jr., agent in charge of the FBI's Charlotte division, has announced the arrest of Charles Frederick Fearnow, an 18-year-old Airman 3-C of the Charleston, S. C. Air Force Base, on charges of conspiracy to rob the Midway office of the Bank of Lancaster, on Dec. 22. Abbaticchio said Fearnow was arrested by FBI agents at Richmond, Va., Dec. 29 and a Federal complaint was filed by an FBI agent before U. S. Commissioner Shannon Henson at Spartanburg, on the same day on authorization of U. S. Attorney Joseph E. Hineh at Greenville.

This is the second arrest made in the robbery of the bank, Jake Baker Jr., of Kershaw, having been arrested by FBI agents and officers of the Lancaster county Sheriff's office on Dec. 24. Baker has been charged with committing the robbery and is being held in the Newberry county jail in default of \$25,000 bail.

The Midway office of the Bank of Lancaster was closed shortly before closing at 5 p. m. Dec. 22, by a lone bandit who at gun point compelled the bank employees to lie on the floor while he took approximately \$8500 and fled. Fearnow is in the Richmond, Va., city jail. Conviction under the conspiracy statute carries a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine or both.

Third Man Arrested
Abbaticchio, announced Friday the arrest of Thomas Harold Moody, 19, an Airman First Class of the Charleston Air Force Base, charged with receiving proceeds of the money taken in the robbery of the Midway office. Moody was arrested by FBI agents at Richmond, Va. A federal complaint was filed by an FBI agent before United States Commissioner Gaines W. Smith at Charleston Monday.

Miss Minnie Mangum Was Playing 'Robin Hood', Reports Say

Miss Minnie Mangum, who has been charged with embezzling funds in Norfolk, Va., is a native of Kershaw according to a release from Norfolk. Reliable local reports said that Miss Mangum's home is near Pageland.

Miss Mangum was charged with stealing \$100,000 from her employer. The charge was placed against Miss Mangum after federal auditors checked into the financial records of the Commonwealth Building & Loan association, where the 32-year-old woman held a \$9,000-a-year job as secretary-treasurer. Officials of the firm, one of the largest of its kind in eastern Virginia, said the amount may reach close to a million dollars by the time the auditors finish their examination.

To friends and family, Miss Minnie seemed to lead an exemplary life. She gave regularly to church and charity. For 12 years she was president of her Sunday school class. She aided friends and relatives and gave generously at Christmas to the poor.

All the while she lived modestly in a small frame bungalow in a middle class neighborhood in Portsmouth, Va.

Miss Minnie joined the Commonwealth company 23 years ago as a stenographer. She was a prodigious worker, often remaining at the office after quitting time.

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"Help me, too"

Polio isn't licked yet!

Join the **MARCH OF DIMES** January 3 to 31

Help Still Needed

Urgent Appeal Made For 'Dimes' Support

An urgent appeal is issued today to the people of the Kershaw community for continued support of the March of Dimes. The 1955 March began Jan. 3 and will continue through Jan. 31.

The Kershaw Garden club, Mrs. J. W. Richards, president, is again sponsoring the drive as it did in 1955.

Mrs. W. C. Cook, whose chairmanship of the 1955 drive was one of the most successful in the history of the local group, is acting as chairman of the 1956 drive.

Miss R. M. Perry and Mrs. W. D. Cathcart have been named co-chairmen of the Mothers March, which is scheduled for Jan. 31.

Andrew Elton, who did an excellent job as 1955 chairman of the Negro division, is again serving as chairman of that division.

Scoutmaster Bob Parker and Boy Scouts of Troop 50 will canvass the business district on Blue Crutch days, Jan. 6 and 7. Coin collectors have been put in

the business houses and stores, and cards are being mailed this week. All persons who contribute by card, are asked to make certain that they send their contributions to the Kershaw area so that credit might be received locally.

It was revealed yesterday that Camden March of Dimes envelopes had inadvertently been distributed in the Kershaw area and officials of the drive in Camden asked that contributions in the Kershaw area be made through the Kershaw Garden club in Kershaw, to that the local group would receive full credit for their efforts.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 6 and 7, have been set as Blue Crutch Sales days. On those two days, Mr. Parker and the Scouts will sell the blue crutches in the business district.

Today, Thursday, Jan. 5, cards will be given to the school children. Climax of the drive will come on Tuesday, Jan. 31, when the Mothers will march on the homes of the town. The hour from 7-8 p. m. has been set for the drive, and all patrons are asked to turn on their porch lights to make the work of the volunteer workers easier.

South Carolina Governor George Bell Timmerman has appealed to citizens to continue their support of the March of Dimes.

"The Salk polio vaccine appears to be a significant milestone along the road to better health for our children," he said. "However, the vaccine came too late for tens of thousands of Americans who need continued care to overcome the crippling effects of polio. Our people still need the protection of emergency polio-fighting skills and facilities which have saved many lives and restored much human usefulness."

"Such protection has always been the chief function of the March of Dimes. The people of this state and this nation in past years have given their full support to the fight against polio. It is certainly our wish in South Carolina that this support will continue as long as it is needed."

LADY LUCK smiled on Dicky Richards during the holiday season, and the youngster is shown, center above, standing proudly by the nifty bike he received from Belk's Department Store at a special holiday movie sponsored by the store. Shown congratulating him are Clarence Hinson, right, manager of the local store, and T. Knox Lee, left, manager of Center theater where the show and drawing were held. Dicky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Richards Jr. of Kershaw.

West Appeals Referee's Ruling

Senator John Carl West has taken the first step in appealing the case of five Kershaw Town Councilmen against Mayor Arthur L. Jones by finding exceptions to the report of special referee Ehrlich Thompson and serving the Kershaw mayor with the exceptions to a referees ruling.

The Camden attorney represents petitioners L. S. Croxon Jr., John M. Graves, Williams S. Hilton, Robert J. Parker, and W. D. Cathcart in the action brought against Mayor Jones to have him restrained from "interfering with or restraining W. L. Reeves from his lawful duties" as policeman in Kershaw.

In his rulings Mr. Thompson came to the conclusion that petitioners failed to "prove" the necessary facts to establish the alleged cause of the action set forth in the petition; that the petition should be dismissed; that the rule of law cause should be dismissed and discharged; that the temporary restraining order issued by Judge J. Robert Martin Jr. should be vacated and set aside.

Mr. Thompson stated that the case was "at most a purely political squabble."

Senator West's exceptions, which will be heard before a circuit judge, described what he termed "errors" in the referee's findings. Listed errors were those portions of the referee's rulings which said the Mayor did not seek to interfere with Reeves in assuming his duties, and which said the petitioners—the five councilmen—did not prove the cause of action.

He also took exception to the referee's commendation of "his skayor in his manner" and called attention to the failure of Mr. Thompson to take notice of the "second defense" in the Mayor's answer.

He also claimed that the referee failed to pass on "the real question in issue, namely the authority of the Mayor to approve or disapprove the selection of a town policeman, and said he acted in not finding that the Mayor has no authority to veto selection of policemen, as he says Mayor Jones contended in his answer.

The referee previously had ruled that the petition of the councilmen be dismissed and that the restraining order issued by Judge Robert Martin be set aside.

The question had been referred to the special referee after the petition was brought by the town councilmen following a disagreement between them and Mayor Jones concerning the hiring of a town policeman to replace a member of the force who had served under the prior council.

Mr. Thompson, a Camden attorney, further stated in his recommendations that the petitioners had by their testimony tended to disprove the facts he said were necessary to constitute the cause of action.

Mr. West's appeal will be heard either by the resident judge in the circuit or by a circuit judge during Common Pleas court in Camden and he may take whatever action he considers appropriate on the referee's findings.

In the event of a further appeal from his ruling, the case would go before the state Supreme Court.

Make Safe Travel Major Goal In '56
A major goal of every South Carolina motorist in 1956 should be to keep his record clear of traffic accidents, Chief Highway Commissioner Claude E. McMillan said today.

"This can be done best by obeying the traffic laws, and by driving carefully, courteously and defensively."

"The record we are leaving behind for 1955 is not a good one," he continued. "The official count of the dead and injured for the year has not been completed, but we already know from preliminary figures that it will be higher than that of 1954."

The official emphasized that if the record and safety of drivers and pedestrians is to improve this year, each person must view this attainment as his individual responsibility.

He pointed out that even good drivers are often thoughtless or absent minded when behind the wheel. But all drivers will have to protect themselves when on the road in 1956. They should let their own conscience and sense of fair play guide them. "One of the most important things that any motorist can think about is that it's not always going to be the other fellow who gets injured or killed."

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Kernel Kershaw Sez: Best Of Don'ts Offered As Good Way To Start Off New Year

The Kernel said last week, resolutions can be a waste of time. However, each year Dr. Spough, of Charlotte, requests, some "Don'ts" for the New Year, which the Kernel well-worth handing on to the readers of the column. They are:

1. Don't hurry. Many of us are in a hurry to live forever. In fact, many are in eternity now. The promises that those who act in haste will be the inheritors of eternal life, is before us, why rush? Don't worry. What will this year bring? You are going to live in 10 years from now? Is it your Saviour and Guide, Jesus Christ, who you are going to follow? If you are still in doubt, read Matthew 6:33.

2. Don't criticize. You don't know the other fellow is up against temptations, physical handicaps, difficulties. Remember, you will perfect yourself. The Bible says, "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

3. Don't be resentful and don't grudge. If a wrong has been done, the Great Vindicator will look after that. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord."

4. Don't be strong medicine, unless you can't get it. The Lord's Prayer. Unless you forgive, you won't be forgiven.

5. Don't gossip. If you have to be somebody be one about your affairs. Most people have a job keeping their own things clean. Never repeat one thing about another unless you have personally verified it. Wait a year before you repeat it.

6. Don't grumble. No one likes a grumbler. He wears himself out everyone around him. If you do a thing, do it cheerfully and if not, leave it. Don't grumble and then grumblingly do it.

7. Don't grab. Rudeness never gets you what you want. Politeness and hard work, with prayer along with it. The Lord's Prayer.

Where To Go To
Prayer Church

Mrs. Rothelle Lowery, daughter of Miss Mary Jo Lowery, Enoree, were guests of Mrs. J. K. Neal, at the holidays.

Lowery, who has been serving as director of music and religious instruction at Enoree Baptist Church for the past two years, has a similar position at First Baptist Church, at Fort Walton Fla. Egland Air Field is at Fort Walton, and the church to which Mrs. Lowery is a member of 800.

Mrs. Lowery expect to attend Jan. 15 for their new daughter, who is a freshman at Winthrop, will complete at the Rock Hill school, joining her parents.

Religious Meeting
For Wednesday

American Legion Auxiliary will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Lowery, at 3:30 p. m. Miss Lowery will be associate president.

Miss Betty Jean Goff of Blaney High school has been selected as the 1956 Miss Hi Miss by the senior class of her school.

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Football Midgets, Miles Enjoy Good 1955 Season Of Play

With a final 34-6 victory over the Sumter Miles, the Kershaw Junior High school football Midgets and Miles closed out another successful season in 1955. The Midgets and Miles, between them, played 10, tied one, and lost one, for an impressive season's record.

The lone loss was to Sumter's Midgets, 25 to 0, in the opening game of the season. In a return game, the Kershaw Midgets came back to tie the powerful Sumter team to 0.

Except in the loss to Sumter, the Midgets and Miles never allowed an opponent but one touchdown in a game, and won five games by shutout scores. Over the season, the local leads scored 22 touchdowns to 9 for the opposition, and scored 150 points to 50 for the combined opposition.

The Midgets, coached by E. W. Cheairs, won 7 of 9 games, tying one and losing one. The younger Miles, coached by Johnny Turner, won all three of their games. Regarding the season, Mr. Cheairs said, "I am extremely grateful for the patience, interest, and loyalty of Mr. Turner, whose help was an invaluable contribution to the program. Naturally, Mr. Turner and I are very proud of the splendid game record of the 1955 Midgets and Miles. Nearly every boy on both squads showed fine loyalty and interest in getting in regular practice. The boys showed fine cooperation with Mr. Turner and me, and with each other. Their fine spirit had much to do, I think, with their winning performance, and I thank them for that spirit as well as for their fine game record."

"It is difficult to pick out boys for special praise, for nearly every member of the squad at one time or another did his share toward the team effort. However, the following were probably outstanding: Kenny Fulle and Randy Floyd, as Midget and Mile quarterbacks, did great jobs. Break-away threat Billy Shaw, and slippery Edward Bing Bingham, Jimmy Mothershead, Elbert Perry, and tiny Mack Blaich all contributed substantially to the good all around backfield effort. The backs enjoyed the benefit of a good first line. Leaders of the offensive line were: Roger Williams, Tommy Christmas, and Larry Hammond, ends; Larry Estridge and Jackie Knight, tackles; Doug Payne, Barry Taylor, and Howard Lucas, guards; and Sam Phillips, Dennis Mangum, and Edward Barfield, centers. Very out—Turn to page seven

Harper's Magazine Has Article Listing Southerners' Objections To Desegregation

The real reason that most Southerners are against school desegregation were laid before the Nation today for the first time by a prominent Southern newspaper editor in the January issue of Harper's Magazine.

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